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SUBJECT: DEATHS (CHARLES A. BALLANGER; WILLIAM F. NESS; EMMA I. NESS; AND HARRY TRAYLOR)

1. FOUR AMERICANS, CHARLES A. BALLANGER; WILLIAM F AND EMMA I. NESS, AND HARRY TRAYLOR WERE KILLED IN A BUS ACCIDENT NEAR PUERTO BARRIOS EVENING OF OCTOBER 30. THE GROUP WAS FROM THE NORWEGIAN CRUISE SHIP ROYAL VIKING SEA OUT OF MIAMI, AND WAS TOURING ASHORE WHEN BUS COLLIDED WITH PICK-UP TRUCK. SHIP BELONGS TO ROYAL VIKING LINE. ONE AMERICAN, MRS. ESSIE ROY, TRANSPORTED BY AMBULANCE TO HOSPITAL HERRERA LLERANDI IN GUATEMALA CITY MORNING OF OCTOBER 31. EXTENT OF INJURIES NOT YET KNOWN. EIGHT OTHER AMERICANS INJURED, TREATED BY SHIP'S DOCTOR AND CONTINUING ON BOARD.

2. SHIPPING AGENT HERE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT NEXT-OF-KIN OF DEAD HAD BEEN NOTIFIED BY THE HEAD OFFICE OF SHIPPING LINE 1 EMBARCADERO IN SAN FRANCISCO. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ALL ITS INFORMATION BY TELEPHONE AND HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO LEARN NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF NEXT-OF-KIN.

3. THE FOUR BODIES ARE BEING EMBALMED IN PUERTO BARRIOS FOR SHIPMENT TO GUATEMALA CITY AND FURTHER SHIPMENT TO US ON INSTRUCTIONS OF SHIPPING COMPANY.

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